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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION

Serial Number: 10669979

Filed: 09/24/03

For: PROPELLER SHAFT ASSEMBLY

Docket Number: 13596

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 9, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated August 9, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire September 9, 2004.

Applicant elects species I, figures 1-4 without traverse.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the section entitled Claim Amendments.